



Park Board General Manager’s Report February 3, 2025

The following report is intended to provide an overview and update on recent and upcoming activities within the Park Board.

Hillcrest Mini Field Sports Lighting

Staff are pleased to share that the construction for Hillcrest Mini Field Sports Lighting project is now complete, and the sports lighting system has been available for public use as of January 18, 2025. The newly built sports lighting system meets the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) Class IV light level requirement for amateur leagues and recreational events regarding horizontal light level and uniformity, as well as off-site glare criteria.

Rupert & Renfrew Station Area Planning

The Rupert and Renfrew Station Area Plan sets a 30-year vision for the area around the Rupert and Renfrew SkyTrain stations, supporting growth through new housing, local shops, services, and amenities while protecting Still Creek and improving mobility. The plan aligns with VanPlay and the Vancouver Plan to guide citywide change.

The final phase of public engagement begins February 3, 2025, with open houses and a community survey available on [Shape Your City](#). Park Board staff support Still Creek and park expansions, community centre, and park amenity funded improvements identified in the final draft plan. A renewed Renfrew Park Community Centre remains a key priority, but with new provincial legislation introduced in Fall 2023, funding will shift from CACs to a citywide model.

The plan anticipates a 60% population increase (18,700 new residents), with a focus on rental and below-market housing. Following engagement, staff will finalize the plan, with Council’s decision expected in late Q2 2025.

Council Business (relating to or impacting parks & recreation):

Council to receive a report on February 4, 2025, titled “[Mayor’s Budget Task Force Implementation Oversight Committee Transmittal Report](#)”, which if approved would adopt the recommendation from the January 28, 2025, Mayor’s Budget Task Force Implementation Oversight Committee meeting that Council receive the “Progress Update on the Mayor’s Budget Task Force Recommendations” report for information.

Council to receive a report on February 5, 2025, titled “[Childcare Strategy Implementation and Policy Harmonization](#)”, which provides an update on the City’s childcare goals, including implementation of Making Strides: Vancouver’s Childcare Strategy, and on advancing Council Motions supporting childcare expansion and the harmonization of the City’s childcare policies and guidelines with those of the Province.

Council to receive a report on February 5, 2025, titled “[Contract Award for Construction Services for Killarney Park Track and Field Civil Works](#)”, which would authorize staff to negotiate an agreement for construction services with Wilco Civil Inc. for an estimated contract value of \$8.28M over the 18-month term, to be funded from the approval capital expenditure budget.

Board Briefing Memos and Emails: January 20, 2025, to February 3, 2025

Date	Topic
January 24	FIFA World Cup 26 Vancouver™ Venue Specific Training Sites Update